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TWIN CITIES ATARI INTEREST GROUP

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Membership Renewal

You may renew your membership at the general meeting, or send a check for \$15.00 (made out to "TAIB"), and on a separte piece of paper, your name, address and phone number to...

Nathan Block
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Newsletter Exchange

If you represent another Atari Users Group that wishes to exchange newsletters, please mail a copy of your latest newsletter to
Cory Johnson 1835 Shadyview Circle, Plymouth, Mn. 55447

Article subaission

Articles should be submitted in standard text files (Atari Writer, Hometext, Speedscript).

If you don't own a wordprocessor, you can enter an article into BASIC using REM statments. Or, send legibly written or typed text (make any schematics legible also, we can't reprint what we can't read) to

Cory Johnson 1835 Shadyview Circle, Plymouth, MN. 55447
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Articles may also be dropped off at

Wizard's Work 18th and 36th, New Hope, MN.

If you wish, you can also upload your article to the BBS. Leave a message to the sysop stating that the upload was an article. The BBS number is 612/522-2687

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BY-LAWS
of the
Twin Cities Atari Interest Group

Proposed 11/1/86

Article 1
NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be the "Twin Cities Atari Interest Group" or "TAIG".

Article 2
OBJECT

1. The purpose of this organization is to promote a dissemination of information concerning the ATARI (TM) computers, and products related thereto, and to share the knowledge of members at large concerning their talents and information pertaining to computers, and the Atari 8 bit computers specifically.

Article 3
OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

2. Elected officers serve a term of one year. They are elected by a simple majority of the members attending the May meeting.

3. Appointed officers shall include:

Newsletter Editor
Sysop
Membership Chairman
Disk Librarian
Book Librarian

or any other position deemed necessary for the function of this organization.

4. Upon election of new officers, appointed officers may be reappointed or replaced at the president's discretion.

5. All officers, elected and/or appointed serve on the "board". The president shall preside over the board at meetings that he may call from time to time at his discretion.

6. Any officer, elected or appointed shall carry out his position as professionally as is possible, without using his position to influence personal or monetary gain. Any officer found (by another officer or member) to be misappropriating and/or misusing club funds, equipment, supplies or his position, or consistently failing to fill his duties, or overstepping his powers, in the case of an elected official, may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the members

attending the next meeting after proof of the officers actions is printed in the newsletter. In the case of an appointed officer, the President and/or the board may remove that officer from power without a membership vote, and a replacement will be sought from the ranks of the membership.

7. The duties of the officers are:

President- Preside over the monthly meetings. Appoint members to non-elected officer positions. Act as the final authority in any matters pertaining to the organization which cannot be resolved by membership vote or board action.

Vice President- To assist the president and stand in for the president in the president's absence. In addition, the Vice President shall function as the advertising manager for the newsletter, actively soliciting advertising for the newsletter, and working with the treasurer for purposes of billing.

Secretary- To record the relevant proceedings of the monthly meetings and prepare them to be published in the monthly newsletter, such publication being the official record of the organization's proceedings.

Treasurer- To maintain the organization's treasury and approve by virtue of his signature on checks all expenditures of the organization. To maintain a list of all the organization's tangible assets, along with the names of the members who have responsibility of such assets. To prepare monthly reports of the clubs assets and expenditures to be published in the newsletter. To comply with any tax requirements of any relevant government agency.

Newsletter Editor- To take the responsibility for production of the newsletter and any other TAIG publication.

Sysop- To manage and keep online the organization's BBS.

Disk Librarian- To take responsibility to maintain and compile a monthly public domain disk, and to keep archives of all past DOM's. These public domain disks shall be sold to members of TAIG ONLY.

Book Librarian- To take responsibility for the clubs books, to keep accurate records of which books are being held by which members. Books owned by TAIG shall be loaned to TAIG members ONLY.

8. In return for services rendered, officers shall not be required to pay dues during their term in office.

9. No elected officer shall hold the same position in the club for more than 2 full terms, though an officer may run or be appointed to a different position in the club.

a) The exception to the above being the President, who after his term(s) shall be appointed Sargent At Arms, and shall hold no elected office for one year after his term, though he may hold another appointed position.

10. The President may authorize the treasurer to cover

expenditures of TAIG money up to \$100 per month. The board as a whole, may authorize expenditures of up to \$500 per month. Any expenditures over \$500 must be authorized by a majority vote of the membership.

a) Exceptions to the above rule are costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, and the paying of the rental for the general meeting hall.

Article 4 MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the organization shall not be limited, and shall be granted without account of race, sex, or creed, except that membership shall require the payment of annual dues, the amount of which is currently \$15.00, but may be modified by a vote of the membership. Membership shall be for a period of one year from the date that dues are paid.

2. Members are expected to obey the organization's by-laws and rules.

3. Since membership in TAIG consists of all immediate family members, only one vote per paid membership is allowed.

Article 5 OFFICIAL POLICIES

1. Let it be known that this organization is officially against software piracy. No software piracy shall take place at the monthly meetings, through the club's BBS or at any TAIG function. Any member taking part in a pirating activity at a meeting will be asked to leave the meeting place, and the board shall take any action deemed necessary towards the offending member.

2. This organization shall not participate in or contribute to any political campaign or candidate for political office.

3. The organization shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its members, except that the organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Article 6 DISSOLUTION

1. Upon dissolution, the assets of this organization shall be disbursed in such a manner as to comply with section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 7 RULES & BY-LAWS

1. All rules enacted by either the board or vote of the membership and published in the newsletter shall be considered official and binding on the officers and the membership.

2. In the case of any conflicts between these by-laws and rules, these by-laws shall prevail.

3. These by-laws shall not be modified in any way as to conflict with the Articles of Incorporation. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting.

Article 8 UNMENTIONED POWERS

1. All powers, privialges, and rights not delegated by these by-laws shall be reserved for the general membership of the club.

Minutes of the November 23, 1986 TAIG Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Comdex news:

1. Atari was showing the SH212 modem, a Hayes compatible 1200 baud modem. List price will be \$99.95.
2. The XEP 80 eighty column board was shown again. List price is \$79.95. The board plugs in to the joystick ports on XL and XE computers. There is some question as to whether it uses the top 16K of RAM, thus whether or not it is compatible with the original eight bit machines. A monochrome monitor or black and white television is required. Currently, no commercial software supports the XEP 80, but Paper Clip and Atariwriter Plus are being rewritten to accomodate it.

In news from Atari Corp, the stock offering prospectus was available for perusal.

This month's computer related legal battles include a case in which Lotus Development sued a competitor who wrote a package with the same user interface as 1-2-3. Lotus won the case, in a large backward step for proponents of common software look and feel.

In TAIG news:

1. Nathan Block has volunteered to be the membership chairman. Thanks, Nathan!
2. The bylaws published in the November newsletter were voted on and passed. A final vote will be held at the December meeting.
3. The treasurer reported that we received \$155 from SPACE to help cover the operating expense of the BBS. The balance in the treasury stood at \$438.
4. Since the club is not using over half of the space rented for meetings, Steve is going to contact the Saint Louis Park recreation center and only rent one of the two rooms currently rented for all future meetings. If the rent for the two individual rooms is different, TAIG will rent the cheaper room. If the rent is the same, meetings will be held in the north room.

5. The TAIG DOM this month contains The Icon Shop, a public domain program to create Print Shop graphics, and a couple of old public domain classics.

6. Use of the TAIG/SPACE BBS is minimal. As a result, the 10 megabyte hard drive will be removed from the board. The board will be run on three Atari drives in the future. If interest in the board picks up significantly, the 10 meg may be brought back.

7. A long discussion focusing on increasing membership ensued. Some suggestions included putting an ad in the newspaper, distributing fliers to local computer retailers, getting promotional messages posted on area BBS's, and getting public service announcements put on cable stations. A motion was made and passed to have a membership drive culminating at the January 1987 meeting. A second motion was made and passed to form a committee to organize and coordinate membership drive activities. This committee will report at the December meeting with their plan of attack for the drive. Progress reports from this committee will also be posted on the BBS on the TAIG members base. Anyone who

has comments or suggestions on the committee's activities please post them there.

8. Finally, Larry Vanden Plas volunteered to coordinate demos at the meetings. Thanks, Larry!

Editors Notes

Did you ever have one of those months...

Well, the newsletter is rather thin again this month. I realize it's the holiday season and everyone's busy, but that also includes me. I simply don't have time to write the entire newsletter most months, but December is a killer. I need your help to make TAIG. Last month was a good newsletter, this one isn't. It's that simple.

I want to thank Tom for saving me at the last second. The meeting minutes and Steve's Avatex article were on Tom's harddrive, which isn't on the BBS anymore. I think I made Tom late for work getting them from him.

On the facing page you see the front side of the new membership flier. It's a bit more eye catching than our past forms. Tell us what you think before we run 10,000 of them off. Sorry about the quality, the photocopy machine I used for that and for the by-laws was well on it's way to being out of order when I was copying them.

I think everyone has realized that the holidays are just around the corner. This can be a time of very rapid growth for the club. For some odd reason, there tends to be more new owners in the mid winter months. Along with the new owners come new questions, problems, and new life for the club. Let's all go out of our way to make them feel welcome. Remember, what seems elementary to you can be very confusing to them (or vice-versa).

AVATEX 1200 TIPS

by Steve Ingalsbe

Since a lot of members have Avatex 1200 modems, I thought that I would pass along this information. It is supplied by E+E Data Comm of Sunnyvale California, the makers of the Avatex 1200.

The modem will not pass the self test, dial, answer, or respond to any Attention commands if the TR light is not ON. The TR light is on when Data Terminal Ready (DTR) is ON. DTR is a signal generated by your computer to tell your modem that it is ready to send and receive. This signal is supplied to the modem on pin 20 of your RS-232 connector and is usually ON when your communication software program is loaded, and in the terminal mode, or, when auto-dialing, is turned ON immediately prior to the auto-dial sequence. If the computer does not provide DTR, you can force it ON at the modem by setting switch 6 in the back of the modem to the down position. After hooking up your modem to your computer, your modem should have three lights on: POWER, TR, AND MC. This is the normal idle condition of the modem. The MC light will remain ON until connection has been established with another modem or the modem is in the analog loopback test. All commands sent to the modem must be in UPPER CASE letters or the modem will not respond.

Suggested AVATEX software:

FULLY Compatible:

850 Express, Modem 7, Homepak, Amodem 85/Autogen

Semi Compatible:

Disklink, Tscope (neither one will auto-dial)

For those of you who wish to use this modem on an auto answer BBS, the only means for software disconnect after user has logged off is by toggling DTR off, then on to enable it to answer the next call. The modem will automatically adjust itself to the incoming baud rate.

Dialing a call: The Avatex 1200 will accept ATD plus 20 digits (including T, P, Commas, Spaces, or Hyphens). For accessing long distance services which require greater than 20 digits, enter your account code and 10 digit telephone into your auto-dial file. Then manually dial the local access number. Upon hearing the second tone, select your auto dial number and allow the computer to dial the remaining 17 digits.

Computer/modem cable configuration

interface	modem
1-----	20
2-----	8
3-----	2
4-----	3
5-----	7
6-----	6
8-----	5

Here is one more tip from John Nagy the sysop of CHAOS: The Supra 1200AT and the Supra 1200ST are the same Modem as the AVATEX, although the AT version has an ATARI 8-bit interface built in. You do not need any other kind of interface with the AT version, although you lose control of the DTR line, making it almost useless for running a BBS. The Supra 1200ST is EXACTLY the same as the AVATEX except for the nameplate!

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The Twin Cities **ATARI** Interest Group is the local user group for owners of all **ATARI** Computers. The group has been organized by owners of **ATARI** computers for the purpose of providing information and assistance through the cumulative experience of its members.

MEETINGS

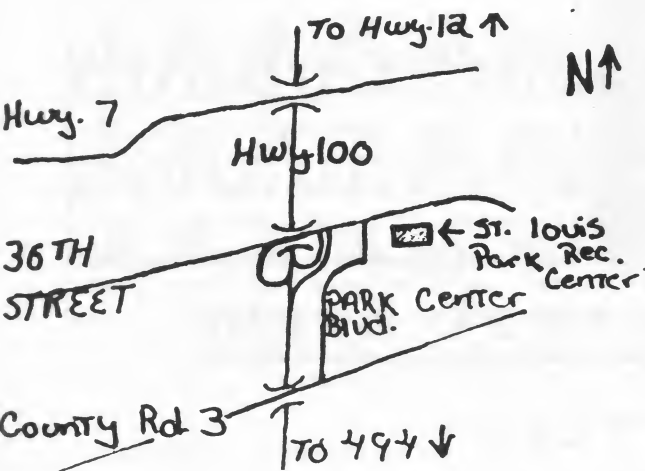
The group meets on the **LAST SUNDAY** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center, 5005 West 36th Street, just east of the intersection of HWY. 100 and 36th Street. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are open to the public. Please confirm the meetings by contacting one of the officers listed below.

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Membership application on back...

Just where do you guys meet?

TAIG meets normally the last Sunday of each month (this month it's a week early due to the holiday) at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center (see map at right) 5005 West 36th Street. St. Louis Park Mn.



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Next TAIG Meeting
Sunday, December 21st
Swap meet 6:00 pm
TAIG 7:00 pm